



Arizona Language Preparatory

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Open Meeting

August 26, 2021

Joint Corporate and Governing Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

1. Notice of Meeting

- a. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Language Preparatory Board of Directors and to the general public that the Board will hold a public meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board reserves the right to change the order of the items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specific time.
- b. Location and time of meeting: Date and time of meeting will be 4:30 pm on August 26, 2021. Meeting will be in person at Arizona Language Preparatory, located at 4645 E Marilyn Rd, Phoenix, AZ, 85032. Members of the public and board are also able to join via telephone or online (instructions can be found on the website at <http://azlanguageprep.org/>).**
- c. Call to public is only available for in-person attendants, and therefore will not be available during telephonic-only meetings. During in person meetings, persons who want to speak will be required to state their full name and physical address to confirm they are members of the school's public, and this information will be recorded in the minutes. Each person will be limited to speak for 3 minutes at the maximum, and comments will be recorded in the minutes. The board cannot directly address the comments but will place them under consideration for possible discussion at a future meeting.
- d. The Board of Directors reserves the right to move into executive session for legal advice with its attorneys, in person or by telephone, for any item listed on the agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).
- e. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-431.02, the Arizona Language Preparatory Board of Directors hereby states that all notices and agendas of the meetings of the Arizona Language Preparatory Board of Directors and any of its committees and subcommittees will be posted at least 24 hours in advance on the school website <https://azlanguageprep.org/> (on the Board of Director's page), as well as on the bulletin board located outside of Arizona Language Preparatory, 4645 E Marilyn Rd, Phoenix AZ 85032. The bulletin board is available for public viewing at all times.
- f. Additional documentation relating to public meeting agenda items may be obtained at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by contacting Renita Myers at (602) 996-1595.

2. Call to Order: 4:53 pm

3. Roll Call

- a. Board Members Present: Kellie Rosinski (KR), Michael Gerity (MG, over phone), Dan Melton (DM, over phone); Elvira Valenzuela (EV; present but active voting status remains on hold while remainder of official paperwork finalized)
- b. Board Members Absent: n/a
- c. Non-Voting Officers Present: Renita Myers (RM)
- d. Non-Voting Officers Absent: n/a



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- e. Members of the Public Present: 4 parents in person; additional members of public called in to listen
4. PTO Report
 - a. New PTO president reviewed recent changes in PTO leadership and summarized plans for the year
5. Call to the public – *This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.*
 - a. Kara Garen – parent and physician: spoke in support of a mask mandate; additionally provided an informational handout to support her position
 - b. Steve Rosinski – parent and physician: spoke in support of keeping mask use optional
 - c. Erin McDowell – parent: spoke in support of keeping mask use optional
 - d. Andrea Erion – parent and healthcare practitioner: spoke in support of a mask mandate
 - e. Elvira Valenzuela – parent: spoke in support of a mask mandate
6. Principal's Report
 - a. Enrollment Updates and 10-day drop - reviewed
 - b. Personnel updates – reviewed, no changes
 - c. Finance Report – reviewed
7. Old Business
 - a. Review and Discussion of Arizona Department of Health Service Benchmark Updates, specifically new K12 School Guidance for COVID-19
 - i. RM discussed having two meetings during the day; one was with ADE, ADHS, ASBCS, and the Attorney General's office; another meeting was with the Maricopa County of Public Health – RM reviewed a summary from both meetings
8. New Business
 - a. Discussion and Possible Approval of July Board minutes
 - i. MG motioned to approve the minutes without changes, DM seconded, all in favor
 - b. Review and Discussion of ALP Mitigation Strategies & COVID Related Policy Survey Results
 - i. RM reviewed survey results from both parents and staff; ~50% of families responded to the survey; results split on mask mandate issue, and 75% staff reported being happy with current mitigation strategies in use at ALP
 - c. Discussion and Possible Approval of Addendum or Amendment to SY22 COVID-19 Mask Policy
 - i. In depth discussion regarding data on mask use; reviewed summary of parent concerns; reviewed surveys showing strong divide in stakeholder opinion on mask use; reviewed teacher survey results
 1. KR summarized the concerns brought forth by parents and addressed each point in turn, summarizing the data that is currently available regarding mask use in children; at this time, there are no randomized controlled trials showing a statistically significant benefit of mask use in the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 as an independent variable separate from other mitigation strategies; additionally there is no proof that frequent mask use in young children will not be associated with unintended long term health



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- consequences; discussed that the data shows the best way to protect children is to vaccinate the adults around them; ALP is fortunate to be able to have a staff that is 100% vaccinated; also discussed concerns raised by parents pertaining to the delta variant and long covid
2. RM shared data on schools within a 20 miles radius in terms of which schools had mask mandates (with or without an opt out), and which were masks optional. Many of the surrounding charter schools are currently using a masks optional policy.
 3. DM shared the experience of Great Hearts and their masks optional policy, and was in favor of ALP continuing a masks optional approach
 4. MG discussed the data regarding mask use, and also raised concerns about the possible loss of funds if ALP were to adopt a policy that went against the Governor's order, and how loss of funds could be devastating to our small school
 5. DM motioned to maintain a masks optional policy, KR seconded, all in favor
- d. Discussion and Possible Approval of Addendum or Amendment to SY22 Return to School policy and procedures (for students and staff); includes review of Maricopa County Health Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines, CDC isolation and Quarantine Guidelines, and Arizona Department of Public Health Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines
- i. Reviewed the guidelines listed above
 - ii. Discussed that ALP's current guidelines are not in line with the current recommendation of the Maricopa County Department of Public Health and Arizona Department of Health Services, in which students/staff can return to school before 10 days if they test negative for covid-19 and symptoms are improved; these guidelines are what PVUSD also follows, and are consistent with the policy at Great Hearts as well
 - iii. KR motioned to approve an amendment to the current ALP policy – to follow the guidelines set forth by the Maricopa County Department of Public Health regarding when students and staff can return to school; additionally with the provision that if there are lingering symptoms staff members have the authority to request that student to wear a mask while mild symptoms are still present; and also with the provision that a doctor's note will be required if symptoms still persist but a student is otherwise well enough to return before 10 days have passed; DM seconded, all in favor
- e. Discussion and Possible Approval of School Wide Policy regarding Tree Nuts/Peanuts
- i. Reviewed that 7 students have peanut allergies; discussed that students normally eat outside but there are days when they must eat in the classroom; ALP does not have a separate cafeteria where food can be separated from the learning space, therefore limiting ability to keep safe distance between nuts and students with allergies
 - ii. KR motioned to approve a "nut free" policy for the school, DM seconded, all in favor
- f. Discussion and Possible Approval of ALP CitiBank Costco Credit card (\$7200)
- i. ALP is pre-approved for a CitiBank Costco Credit card in the amount of \$7200; this will allow the school to start building credit, and the card can be used to purchase supplies



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- ii. KR motioned to approve opening the credit card account, DM seconded, all in favor
 - g. Discussion of School Building Acquisition and Financing Options; Possible approval of next steps in process
 - i. RM and Mg are working on financing options and possible properties to lease versus purchase for the next school year.
 - h. Discussion of ALP Website (requested by EV)
 - i. EV discussed that she recommends the website be in three languages, since our teaching model is trilingual; everyone was in agreement that this is an excellent idea, and will help other families research our school when their primary language is either Spanish or Mandarin; plan is for EV to start looking into ideas on how to achieve this and discuss more at the next meeting
 - i. Review and Possible Approval of Philadelphia Insurance Quote 144502511 which includes Educators legal Liability, Employment Practices Liability and Non-Monetary Defense Expense
 - i. KR motioned to approve the annual premium in the amount of \$2,851.00, DM seconded, all in favor
 - j. Discussion and Possible Approval of Treasurer for the Corporate Board
 - i. Reviewed that a treasurer position is not required; current finances are managed by independent contractor Craig Hollinger, and he does not need to hold an official position on the board
 - k. Formal acceptance of resignation of Anne Cotty
 - i. KR motioned to officially approve resignation of Anne Cotty, DM seconded, all in favor
 - l. Discussion and Possible Approval of New Board Seats for SY22
 - i. Andrea Erion
 1. Reviewed letter of interest by Andrea Erion, a parent of two students in the school; KR motioned to approve her as a board member, MG seconded, all in favor
 - ii. Amy Fuller
 1. Reviewed Amy Fuller's letter of interest and her very strong background; since she is not personally known to any of the board members, decision made to offer her an opportunity to come and meet the board and get more information on her interest in joining the board; vote deferred at this time
9. Executive Session: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A), Section 7.9.5.1, the board may vote to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters.
 - a. Confidentiality reminder pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(C)
 - b. KR motioned to approve moving into executive session to discuss matters related to consultation with school's attorney (recorded in separate minutes).
10. Announcement of future meeting: September 23, 2021 at 4:30 pm
11. Meeting adjourned: 7:24 pm